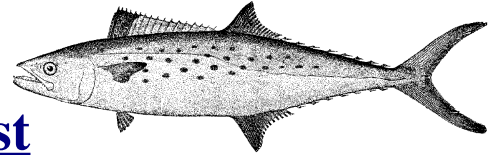


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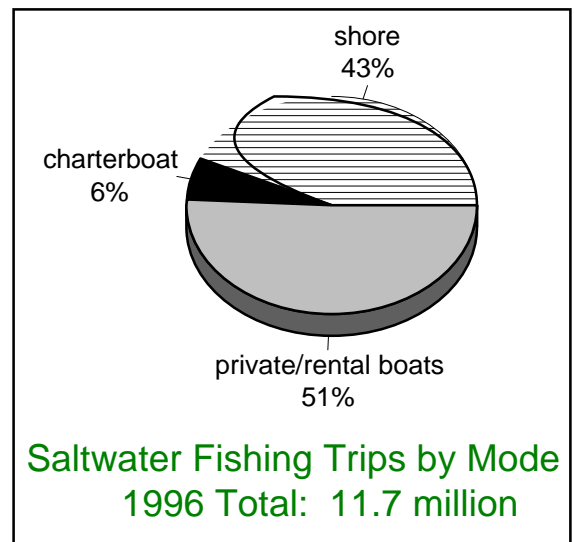
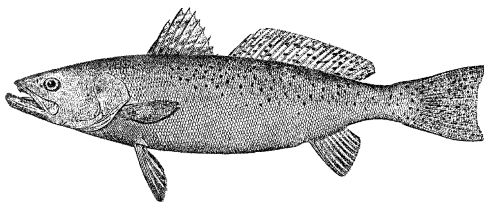
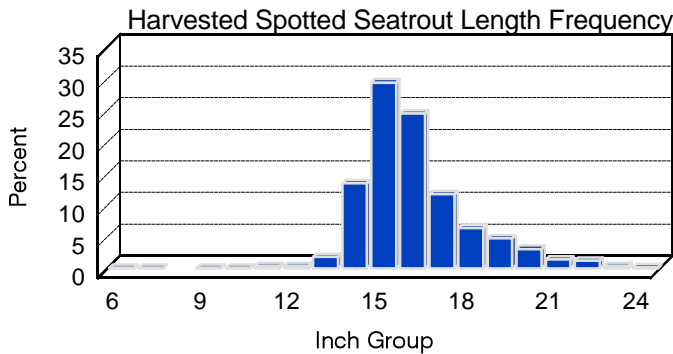
1996 Fact Sheet



Florida Gulf Coast



Species	Number Harvested (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
DOLPHINS	446	4625	14
SPOTTED SEATROUT	1077	1696	5059
SHEEPSHEAD	659	1495	673
KING MACKEREL	540	5126	146
SPANISH MACKEREL	934	1325	559



DID YOU KNOW?

- ➡ Nearly 2.3 million anglers participated in recreational saltwater fishing off Florida's Gulf coast in 1996.
- ➡ More spanish mackerel were caught by anglers off Florida's Gulf coast in 1996 than from any other state.
- ➡ MRFSS field interviewers have identified 350 different species of fish caught in Florida waters.
- ➡ Over 276,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at Florida fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.